

Wildlife Damage Management Outreach and Research Activities, NYS IPM Program, 2008

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The management of wild vertebrates in pest situations is an increasing concern. NYS IPM Program staff was involved in several outreach activities in 2008. Educational presentations included:

- Connections and relationships between wildlife control operators and state university extension systems, Wildlife Control Technology Seminar, Covington, KY and NYS Wildlife Management Association Spring Seminar, Owego, NY;
- Raccoon management challenges – damage and nuisance impacts, Raccoons and Rabies Symposium at Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society, Miami, FL;
- Safety precautions to consider for nuisance bird and wildlife management work, National Pest Management Association's Nuisance Bird and Wildlife Management Conference, St. Louis, MO;
- Legal framework for nuisance wildlife control, Orkin Training Workshop, Latham, NY;
- Nuisance wildlife control, Finger Lakes Community College IPM Class, Canandaigua, NY.

A commentary, entitled "Strengthening relationships between state university extension systems and nuisance wildlife control operators", was accepted for publication in the journal *Human-Wildlife Conflicts*. NYS IPM staff regularly wrote a column, reviewing recent wildlife damage management literature and conferences, for the trade magazine *Wildlife Control Technology* and wrote an article on safety helmets for the same magazine. He also provided reviews and feedback on two wildlife damage manuscripts.

Activities anticipated for 2009 include development of a nuisance wildlife outreach event jointly sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension offices in the lower Hudson River Valley and the NYS Wildlife Management Association. We will also be seeking cooperators for a pilot research project of vertebrate grubbing in turf.